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Amendment
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Amendments To The Specification:

Please insert the following paragraphs at page 5, line 18:

In some embodiments, a turn 114 is connected to a connecting element 118 and thus comprises a connected turn 140. In some embodiments, a turn 114 is not connected to a connecting element 118 and thus comprises a free turn 150. In some embodiments, a free turn 150 of a given serpentine band 110 is only connected to struts 112 of that serpentine band 110. In some embodiments, a free turn 150 is oriented to face an adjacent serpentine band 110.

In some embodiments, a connecting element 118 is straight along its length. In some embodiments, a straight portion of a connecting element 118 is nonparallel to a central longitudinal axis of the stent 100.